

**for those able, please stand*



Gathering Music & Lighting of Candles

**Singing Bowl | Centering Silence
and Prayer**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

This is the day that our God has made...
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Opening Song**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” #574

***Call to Worship**

One: Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you are called:

Many: *We cannot do this alone,
we dare not try this alone,
so we gather as God's people.*

One: Lead a life worthy of your calling,
a life filled with service and grace.

Many: *We come to build up Christ's Body,
in humility and gentleness,
with patience and love.*

***Sharing God’s Peace**

Preparing our Hearts

Reading

“Kindness”

Naomi Shihab Nye

Special Music

“The Blessing Song”

Arranged by Tim Mayer

A Time of Offering & Opportunity

*God is good all the time...
and all the time... God is good!*



***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ and Spirit one. Amen.*

Children’s Time

*I am a child of God,
nothing can shake my confidence;
I am a child of God,
no one can take my inheritance;
Never alone I’ll stand,
strengthened by God’s own hand,
I am a child, I am a child, a child of God.*

Scripture

Ephesians 4: 1-6, 15-16, 29-5:2

Sermon

“The Power of Words”

Silent Reflection

***Song of Response**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

#391

A Time of Prayer

God in your grace... *Hear Our Prayers*

***The Prayer of Jesus**

*Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your
name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on
earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the
kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

***Closing Song**

“The Tress of the Field”

Hymn #710

***Benediction**

Postlude

Rev. Beth Lyon | Interim Minister – Kathy Watson | Worship Leader
Katie Cook | Youth Program Coordinator – Kristen Daly | Nursery Care Provider
Tim Mayer | Piano – Lydia Warren | Vocals
Paul Thompson | Bass - John Bengtson | Drums
Riverside Gospel Ensemble
Susan Bell, James Holloway & Elaine Johnson | Worship & Welcome Team
Bonnie New | Reader
Mal Brown | Audio Visual & Sound System
Kathy Watson, Steve & Jeannie Chance | Hospitality
Kim Vogel | Financial Secretary

Welcome to Riverside Community Church

United Church of Christ

WHO WE ARE

We are a vibrant, Spirit-filled community following the ways of Jesus-loving our neighbors, seeking justice, and sharing God's extravagant welcome.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING

We fully embrace LGBTQ+ individuals in all aspects of church life and ministry.

IMMIGRANT WELCOMING

We stand in solidarity with our immigrant siblings, documented and undocumented.

CARING FOR CREATION

We divest from fossil fuels, invest in renewable energy, and strive to reduce our environmental impact.

MINISTRIES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Youth Ministry - Sunday School, teen groups, and Our Whole Lives (OWL), a comprehensive human sexuality program. Contact: Katie Cook 541-980-0505 or katie@riversideucc.com

JUSTICE & WITNESS

Engaging in advocacy & service
Contact: Jeannie Chance 541-806-6648 stjechance@gmail.com

“CHEERS” CARE TEAM

Providing meals and support during times of transition and challenge.
Contact: Pastor Vicky 541-386-1412 pastor@riversideucc.com

CONNECT & GROW

Men's Discussion Group
Monthly Book Group
Adult Education Classes
Bible Study & Reflection

STAY CONNECTED

Weekly Newsletter, The Current
Sign up at kathy@hungerchronicles.com
Follow Us on Facebook - Riverside Community Church

Learn more about the United Church of Christ at
www.ucc.org

Welcome! We are blessed by your presence.

Guests ~ we invite you to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Beth after the service.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

TODAY

Ages 5+ - Join Katie Cook for Sunday School after Children's Time. Birth-Age 4 – Nursery care available in the Fireside Room from 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM.

All are invited for coffee and connection after worship in the Riverview Room.

Music & Arts Board meets after worship | Ruth Wells Room.

MONDAY

Nominating committee meets | 12:00 PM | Riverview Rm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at Parkhurst 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Somos Inmigrante 2nd & 4th Wed | 13th & May St. | 4:00 PM

THURSDAY

Cheers team meets | 10:30 AM | Ruth Wells Room

FRIDAY

Justice seekers of all ages are invited to join an interfaith gathering for peace and a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.
5:00 – 5:30 PM at 2nd and State streets in Hood River.

NEXT SUNDAY

Joint Outdoor Worship. No service at Riverside
Potluck following worship service. Bring a chair and/or blanket and a dish to share.



Sophie Janotta

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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